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DURING DISCUSSION WITH SEKTIONSLEITER DR. MEISL IN
MINISTRY OF TRADE, MEISL MENTIONED FINNISH-HUNGARIAN
FREE TRADE AREA AGREEMENT AS A RECENT AND SOMEWHAT
UNUSUAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE EFTA WORLD. WE ASKED
MEISL WHETHER THERE WAS ANYTHING TO A REPORT (SOURCE
NOT IDENTIFIED) THAT HUNGARY HAD SIGNED A SIMILAR
AGREEMENT WITH AUSTRIA. MEISL REPLIED "DEFINITELY
NOT," ADDING THAT THERE WAS NO INTENTION BY GOA TO
NEGOTIATE A FREE TRADE ARRANGEMENT WITH HUNGARY. HE
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FELT THAT SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WOULD ONLY COMPLICATE

AUSTRIA'S RELATIONS WITH OTHER EFTA COUNTRIES AND THAT
AS A MATTER OF POLICY, AUSTRIA WOULD CONTINUE TO PURSUE
ITS PRESENT COURSE OF DEALING WITH EASTERN EUROPEAN
COUNTRIES UNDER TRADE AND COOPERATION AGREEMENTS. IN
THE CASE OF HUNGARY, TOWARDS WHICH AUSTRIA DOES NOT
APPLY MOST-FAVORED-NATIONS TREATMENT, BILATERAL
TRADE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE REGULARLY AND
THESE WOULD CONTINUE. HUMES

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